RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1648

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Glaucia PARANHOS-BACCALA et al. Group Art Unit: 1648

Application No.: 09/319,156 Examiner: J. PARKIN

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For: RETROVIRAL NUCLEIC MATERIAL AND NUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS, IN

PARTICULAR ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND/OR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, FOR DIAGNOSTIC, PROPHYLACTIC AND

THERAPEUTIC USES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the February 7, 2007 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.